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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 97,008-W)

In the Application of:)
Copeland, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/931,513)
Filing Date: August 16, 2001)
For: Automated Biological Reaction Apparatus)

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Group Art Unit: 1743
Confirmation No.: 5062

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: Refund Section
Office of Finance/Accounting Division

Dear Sir:

The applicants request a partial refund of the application filing fees paid in this application.

In Box 18 of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal, information was mistakenly omitted from sub-box b. That box should be checked, and the lines following it should read: Cancel in this application original claims 2-71 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

The remaining claims to be prosecuted in the present application are 72-113. Therefore, the total application filing fee should be calculated as follows:

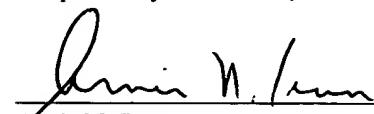
Basic Fee:		\$710.00
Total Claims:	42 - 20 = 22 extra	22 x \$18.00 = \$396.00
Independent Claims:	5 - 3 = 2 extra	2 x \$80.00 = \$160.00
TOTAL:		\$1,266.00

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 27, 2002



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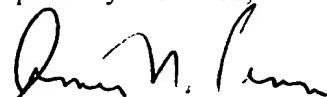
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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) Request for Refund
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